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2024 President's Report

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1. What a year it has been for our Club!

We have arguably had our most successful on field year ever with the 3 men's teams and 4 of the 5 netball teams all making finals and our women's team being more competitive than ever.

On the other hand, the major disruption caused by the pavilion construction works, a decline in match day revenue, increased GST liabilities and a decline in grant income and donations has pushed our finances into the red zone for the first time in 7 years.

We are confident, however, that not only will our finances recover in season 2025 but early recruiting results across all 3 team cohorts, and pre-season training numbers are very positive indicators for a successful 2025 on field and we continue to build an inclusive welcoming environment for our players, volunteers, supporters and sponsors particularly through our active support for Reconciliation and Pride.

2. Thanks

Once again, the Club expresses its appreciation and thanks to our Volunteers, Coaches, Team Managers, Doctors, Trainers, Green Shed/ Canteen Warriors, Time-keepers and Ground Markers and, of course, our Sponsors. Special thanks to Libby & John McEnroe and Hoppa for looking after our Thursday Selection Dinners in exceptionally difficult circumstances from a facilities standpoint. Julie Holmes for helping out

with the Canteen/Green Shed. Suzie Sullivan and David Wamock for helping out with Thursday Night Meals and Green Shed

Thanks again to our Coaches Club members. There have been 110 Coaches Club members since 2016 who have contributed \$300K in membership fees alone to our Club.

The Club could not function without the support of our Major Sponsors and we thank ,in particular, Andrew Hines at Kay & Burton, Lindsay McCall at Paringa Estate, Christie McCrae at Bendigo Bank, Steve Withers at Complete Function Hire, John McEncroe at Kiss Print Services, Sam Coverdale & Emma Phillips at Many Little, Paul Nitas at Hillview, Neil Bryson at Supra Capital, John Plumridge at Maw Civil and the Johnston Family at Penfold Motors.

We also thank our event sponsors, arena fence advertisers, community partners and lunch sponsors including:

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Thanks also to our coaches and on-field staff including:

Seniors

Coach: Jamie Mollo
Assistant to Senior Coach: Danny Mongan
Assistant Coaches: David Gallagher, Michael Mock, Matt Bateman, Ross Sanders
Runner: Troy Ackerley/Jonah Siversen
Chairman of Selectors: Matt Hyden
Trainers, Sharon Clayton: Graeme Healy, John Bromley
Team Managers: Craig Ross, Julie Morgan

Development Squad

Contact: Andrew Mock
Assistant: Nathan Lenowry
Manager: Tom Ivanovich

U19's

Coach: Evan Lucas
Assistant: Nick Hansen
Assistant/Runner: Jimmy Stuart
Team Manager: Aaron Gosling

U17 Academy

Coach: Troy Ackerley
Assistant: Jake Mitchell

Netball

Coaches: Georgia Vines, Steve Murray, Leah Swagermakers, Gert Wallace, Taylor Dougherty, Taylah Butterworth, Ash Morris, Lisa Galvin, Sammi Swift, Karina Holmes

Women's Football

Coach: Tyson Lewis
Assistant: Neil Robertson
Team Manage: Greg Armstrong

Medical: Paul Heathcote, Jill Spargo, Paulina Pajak, Tony Costello

Osteopath: Tom Dagiandis

Nutrition: Alia Streglinski

3. Under 17's Academy

The Academy for aspiring young men and women was again conducted over the 2024 summer with the support of Penfold Motors and the Club is delighted to confirm that for the next 5 years this initiative is being funded by the generous bequest of the late Stephen Bransden who was a staunch Coaches Club member and who is sorely missed by all who knew him.

4. League Awards

Once again, the Club was well represented in the MPFNL awards and our congratulations go to:

Jamie Mollo

Div 1 Coach of the Team of the Year (2nd time in 7 years)

Ollie Jackson

Half Forward Team of the Year

Michael Geichen

Equal 1st B&F

Center, Team of the Year

Zac Carlson

Div 1 Reserves 2nd B&F

Logan Sandford

Div 1 Reserves leading goal kicker

Ash Morris

A Grade Netball 3rd B&F

Izzy Brown

A Grade Netball

WA Team of the year

Sacha Mc Donald

A Grade Netball

Sharp Shooter of the Year

GA in Team of the Year

Captain Team of the Year

Coaches MVP, 2nd B&F

Alyce Griffiths

C Grade Netball 2nd in the B&F

Jemma Lewis

Women's Football Div 2 Team of the year

5. Retiring Players

The Club extends its thanks to all our retiring players especially the following stalwarts of the men's side

Jonah Siversen

164 Red Hill games

Harry Wynn-Pope

114 Red Hill games

Jake Mitchell

228 Red Hill games

Dan McNamara

170 Red Hill games

Jono Ross

143 Red Hill games

Chris Irving

89 Red Hill games

Matt Hyden

121 Red Hill games

We are fortunate to be able to announce that Harry Wynn-Pope, Jonah Siversen and Dan McNamara will be joining the Committee in 2025 along with former 70 Club games netball player Courtney Douglas, and that Chris Irving and Matt Hyden and Jake Mitchell will be assisting with Coaching. It's great to have immediate past players continue their involvement at the Club

6. Committee

The Committee continues to generously donate its time and commitment. We are however, losing 5 valuable members, and our thanks go out to them for their selfless contribution.

Jackie Bolton

Committee member since 2018

Canteen Manager
Always available to volunteer
Tireless worker

Tom Ivanovich & Darren Morgan

Tom and Darren joined the Committee in 2022 and brought with them a wealth of goodwill and experience in dealing with the Junior Club, in particular, and it's fair to say that our relationship with the Junior Club, and the Cricket Club for that matter has never been stronger and much of that is due to the kudos that Tom and Darren brought with them.

Tom too has been instrumental in sorting through the mechanics of team management and his assistance, he will continue as time permits.

We know that Darren too is committed to help where he can, and he continues to be a valuable volunteer as he has been for years.

Lisa Galvin

What Lisa has provided every girl in this club with is nothing short of amazing and inspiring. Lisa has provided a place where girls can learn and develop their netball skills, she has built a club where girls can be themselves and develop lifelong friendships. She has been instrumental in making the club a safe place for all.

Adrian Dal Lago

Adrian joined the committee in 2011

He acted as Club Secretary in 2015 and 2016 and as Vice President 2011-2013 and 2013-2019.

Adrian's special responsibilities in recent times have included:

Overseeing maintenance

Arena Fence sponsorship

Green Shed replacement

Sourcing & interviewing potential sponsors

Negotiating with the Shire and being the driving force over the installation of Oval lighting, construction of the new netball courts and the new Green Shed

Elected a Life Member in 2019

7. Life Members

A few months ago, the Board on the recommendation of the Life Membership Appointments Committee, resolved to award Life Membership to Lisa Galvin and Danny Mongan both of whom have performed outstanding work for our Club

Lisa Galvin

From the first day that Lisa took on responsibility of running the netball department the club has gone from strength to strength. Lisa supported the A Grade coach in 2015 and coached A Grade 2016-2021. She joined the Committee in 2015 and became Netball Manager in 2020 and then spent 2 years coaching the incredibly successful D Grade team and recruited Steve Murray as Head Coach.

Listed below are some of the jobs Lisa would do on a weekly basis:

- Coaching
- Scoring
- Timekeeping
- Officiating
- Game day court management
- Speaking at presentations and selection dinners
- Team selection
- Packing up/ setting down equipment
- Fundraising
- Recruiting
- Cleaning up
- Transporting players

Duties also included countless hours devoted to sorting team lists and organizing game days.

Under Lisa's guidance we have built our Club into a formidable netball presence and a destination of choice for aspiring and established players. 4 of our 5 teams made finals in 2024 and numbers at pre-season tryouts have never been higher.

In addition to all this Lisa has been a mentor, a job referee, a role model and a friend to many of our young women. She has supported every

player's career and has always been a beacon of support and advice for the dreams the girls pursue off the court. She celebrates every player's achievement, forgives any failures, and mourns any losses.

A very well-deserved recipient of Life Membership.

Danny Mongan

Danny's football CV bears extensive publication and acknowledgement:

Grew up in Albury St Patrick's JFC, playing and coached teams
Moved to Melbourne as an 18-year-old
Coached U12 to U14 and club secretary/ recruiter at Doveton FC in the Southwest Gippsland League
Club Secretary at Dandenong Redleg's FC in the VFA 1980-81
Hawthorn VFL/AFL recruiting Committee 1981-92 West Coast Eagles
Melbourne Recruiting Officer 1992-1999 with the late great Garry Merrington
General Manager Beaconsfield FC 2000-2001
Retired and moved to the Peninsula and President of Dromana until 2010 Grand Final
Joined Frankston Bombers with coach Tony Blackford as Football Manager 2011-2013
Crossed to Red Hill with Tony Blackford as Football manager in 2014
2014- assistant to the Senior Coach

Danny's various jobs have included:

Organizing training & equipment
Finding training grounds and organizing practice matches
Attending training sessions
Organizing pre-season camps
Supports all football team managers.

Danny represents the epitome of a football club volunteer and is a worthy recipient of Life Membership

8. Vale

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of some great Red Hill people including:

Roy Watts, Coach

Donald Edwards, Captain

Mandy Di Gregorio Life Member

Stephen Brandsen, benefactor and Coaches Club stalwart

9. 2025 and Beyond

Goals of the Committee for 2025 include:

- Reviewing the Club's Strategic Plan.
- Expanding Committee participation particularly amongst younger volunteers in the pursuit of manageable succession planning.
- Expanding sponsorship base to better stabilise Club finances. Reinvigorating our Wellbeing program.
- Formalising our Reconciliation Action Plan and inclusive club initiatives
- Expanding our volunteer base with emphasis on the families of younger players.
- Support junior football & netball.
- Incorporating Junior Netball cohort into the senior Club
- Facilitating the playing aspirations of the Balnarring senior women's team through the establishment of a second women's team "Balnarring / Red Hill"